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CUSTOMS DUTY ON PULSES .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has decided to lift 10% customs duty on Pulses imported through major Ports;

(b) If so, the objective behind such a decision; and

(c) The countries from where the Pulses are likely to be imported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The Government has fully exempted the 10% customs duty on pulses. This exemption is valid upto 31st March, 2007.

(b) The objective behind customs duty exemption is to keep domestic prices of pulses under check.

(c) There is no restriction in the exemption notification regarding the country from which the pulses can be imported. Thus, it is not possible to state from which country the imports will actually take place.